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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BIEN HOA 150

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, VS

SUBJ: NVA/VC SHELL TAY NINH CITY

HEAVY SHELLING OF TAY NINH CITY WAS RESUMED MAR 12. BEGINNING AT NOON, 42 ROUNDS OF 122MM ROCKETS AND 85MM ARTY HAD HIT THE CITY BY 1700 HOURS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN THE SHELLING WAS WIDESPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY RATHER THAN TARGETED AGAINST SECTOR HQS, SUGGESTING NVA/VC USE OF SHELLING TO UNSETTLE THE POPULACE. MOST OF THE SHELLING OCCURRED BETWEEN 1200 AND 1400 HOURS WITH SPORADIC FIRING THEREAFTER. ONE ROCKET ROUND LANDED VIC YT 234494 WITHIN 150 METERS OF THE CAO DAI HOLY SEE. CASUALTIES UP TO 1700 WERE 17 CIVILIANS KIA AND SEVEN CIVILIANS WIA.

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